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My name is Jesmin Basanti. I am a staff attorney for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (hereinafter "CBIA"). CBIA represents approximately 10,000 member companies in virtually every industry. They range from large, global corporations to small, family owned businesses. The vast majority of our member companies have fewer than 50 employees.

CBIA supports **SB 29, An Act Concerning Electronic Publication of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.** This bill would give immediate, Web-based access to all state regulations. As it currently stands, it is very hard for any business to find out what they can or cannot do, since agency regulations are not easily accessible.

Our business members agree that policy measures which increase business confidence in state government are not only a good thing but vital to a positive business climate. Connecticut companies want to comply with every pertinent state regulation governing their business operations, but finding and knowing those standards is often difficult.

By making the regulations available online, state government is encouraging confidence in the rules, promoting awareness of what state agencies are currently doing and minimizing the opportunity for ignorant mistakes. SB 29 will make it easier and more efficient for regulations to be found and known by businesses.

While some state agencies are ahead of the pack and have already published their regulations online, this bill will make sure it's the rule and not the exception. Other states have already made the online publication of regulations a common practice.

CBIA and its members support SB 29 as a legislative measure that effectuates positive change and increases the flow of information from state government.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today and I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.